## Troopers Arrest Juvenile for Felony Assault After Shooting- Newark

**Newark-** Delaware State Police have arrested a 16-year-old male, of Newark, DE, for felony assault and weapons charges following a shooting last Thursday.

On Thursday, July 01, 2021, at approximately 1:10 p.m., troopers responded to the Cigarette Outlet located at 13 Salem Village Square, Newark, for a shooting investigation. Troopers determined two male suspects were approached by a 19-year-old female victim inside the store and engaged in a verbal altercation. Once outside the store, one suspect walked to his vehicle parked in the fire lane and retrieved a handgun. The suspect then began firing at the victim. The suspects then fled the scene. The victim was treated and released at an area hospital for a graze wound to her lower extremity.

Through further investigation troopers determined the identity of the shooter, a 16-year-old male suspect. On July 6, 2021, officers from New Castle County Police Department located the 16-year-old suspect and took him into custody without incident.

While in police custody the suspect was charged with the following crimes:

- Assault 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree (Felony)
- Possession of a Firearm by Prohibited Juvenile (Felony)
- Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony (Felony)
- Criminal Mischief

The 16-year-old suspect was arraigned in the New Castle Family

Court and committed to the New Castle County Juvenile Detention Center on \$100,000 cash bond.

Delaware State Police is still seeking the public's assistance with identifying the second suspect.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Detective Patterson with Delaware State Police Troop 2 Criminal Investigative Unit by calling 302-365-8471. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at <a href="http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com">http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com</a>

<u>Delaware State Police Investigating Shooting Incident - Newark</u>

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@state.de.us.

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